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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Herewith a copy of a TV appearance on Channel 2, KTVU-TV, Oakland, California, at 1 PM on 27 November 1960, "Editor's Forum," where the principal speaker was Professor Ronald Hilton, Director of Hispanic American Studies at Stanford University and Editor of the monthly Hispanic American Report. Another professor, Dr. Austin S. McDonald, of the University of California, and public relations consultant Herbert Cervin, of San Francisco, formerly of the U.S. Embassy in Rio de Janeiro and one-time staff associate of Nelson Rockefeller, were the other speakers.
3. Hilton charged that CIA supported Arms in Guatemala, that CIA is now sponsoring a general invasion of Cuba from Guatemala, that CIA is financing a base at Retalhuleu in Guatemala, that CIA has a base in Florida training Cubans and others but was requested by the FBI to move to another base in Florida because of local feeling, that a radio station on Swan Island is operated by CIA, and that the Guatemalan newspaper "Imparcial" has virtually sold out to the U.S.. He also criticized the American press, radio, and TV for failing to give a true picture of Cuba and Latin America.
4. He refers to an answer by Mr. Kirkpatrick to a question on 18 November 1960 incident to a speech at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco by the Inspector General. On Page 4 of the attached transcript is this quotation:

"Now, for what it's worth, and I think it's worth a good deal, I'd like to point out a piece of evidence, and that is that the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, spoke to the Commonwealth Club very recently, Friday, November 18, and at the end of the address in which he talked about Cuba and Fidel Castro and Latin American Communism, someone in audience -- I heard the program on the radio. I just happened to turn on the radio. And someone in the audience, I don't know who

he is, I've got his name, but I don't know him, asked this question: 'Professor Hilton of Stanford appears to believe a training base in Guatemala is financed by the U.S. for attack on Castro. He says if the CIA is behind it and gets caught it will be a black day for the United States. Is this true?' Then there was a long and painful silence and Mr. Kirkpatrick replied, 'It will always be a black day for the United States whenever the CIA gets caught.'

Right after this he states:

"It doesn't imply in any way a lack of respect for the Central Intelligence Agency, which like the FBI is in general doing a very good job. But we do have the precedent of the U-2 incident and I think that we were just a little careless there, and I'm against carelessness on principle."

5. I have furnished copies to:

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[Redacted]
Assistant to the Director

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cc: (above listed)